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Sri K. MALAKONDAYYA:—" మంత్రిగారు చెప్పింది నాకు సరిగా అర్థం కాలేదండి."

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" I would like to have notice if I am to do justice to the question put by the hon. Member. I may, however, inform the hon. Member that all questions relating to this subject are being investigated by the Government."

Sri P. VENKATASUBBIAH:—" May I know whether the management is authorized to dismiss them? "

The Hon. Dr. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—" The Committee of Management, in consultation with the Government, can do so."

Income-tax and excise duties collected in the State.

* 272 *Q.*—Sri PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total amount of income-tax collected in this State in 1951 and the percentage of it allotted to this State; and

(*b*) the total amount of excise duties and customs collected from Madras State on tobacco in 1951 and the portion of it allotted to this State?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" (*a*) & (*b*) The Madras Government received Rs. 829·15 lakhs in 1950–51 and Rs. 915·43 lakhs in 1951–52, as their share of the income-tax proceeds under Article 270 of the Constitution of India. This represents $17\frac{1}{2}$ per cent of the total divisible pool in each of the two years. The allocation to this State is not related to the collection in the State.

The Madras Government do not receive any share of the revenue from Central Excise duties or Customs, except for a sum of Rs. 56 lakhs given annually by the Central Government as compensation for the loss of revenue arising from the suspension of the State taxation on tobacco.

The part of the question relating to the total collections in this State from income-tax, Central Excise duties and Customs duties can be properly asked only in Parliament, as the executive powers of the State Government do not extend to such matters. In view of this constitutional position, it is regretted that the figures cannot be furnished here."

Sri T. VISWANATHAM:—" We are not raising any constitutional questions. If the Government have got any information regarding the amount collected, they can give the same to the House."

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" We are in the same position as the hon. Leader of the Opposition in this matter. If he has no knowledge of this matter and if no information is

available with him, we too are in the same position. I may inform the hon. Gentleman that we are not in a peculiar and advantageous footing."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—"ప్రభుత్వం ఈ చిన్న సమాచారాన్ని గురించి Central Government నుంచి తెప్పించుకోనేనటువంటి స్థితిలోవున్నదా ?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I want notice, Sir."

Kanhirapuzha irrigation project, Malabar.

* 273 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received the investigation report on Kanhirapuzha irrigation project, Malabar, and taken any decision on the report; and

(*b*) what is the extent of the area that will be benefited by the project and what is the estimated cost of the project?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) Yes. It is under examination.

" (*b*) (i) About 24,000 acres; and

(ii) Rs. 298 lakhs."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" In view of the fact that Malabar is a heavily deficit district and the report itself has been before the Government for a long time, will the Government be pleased to take an early decision in the matter? "

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" May I know to which report the hon. Member is referring? "

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" I refer to the investigation report, Sir."

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" This scheme has been recommended for inclusion in the Supplementary Plan."

Claims of pensioners of the former Pudukkottai State.

* 274 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of claims of pensioners retired from Pudukkottai State Service after merger (3rd March 1948) pending disposal (1) with the District Collector, (2) the Accountant-General's office, (3) the Sub-Collector of Pudukkottai ; and

(*b*) the number of claims of pensioners settled by the former Pudukkottai State Government on the eve of merger but now revised by the Madras Government as per Madras Pension Rules?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No cases of claims of pensioners retired from the ex-Pudukkottai State Service